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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: WALDHEIM REACTION TO THE TURKISH PROPOSAL
- ON VAROSHA

1. AMBASSADOR LEONARD, COUNSELOR NIMETZ AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES CALLED ON SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM LATE JULY 12 TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION OF THE NEW TURKISH PROPOSAL ON VAROSHA. UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL GUYER, SECRETARY GENERAL'S ASSISTANT ROHAN AND POLMIN ALSO ATTENDED.

2. NIMETZ PRESENTED OUR THOUGHTS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS TURKISH INITIATIVE, THE OPPORTUNITY IT MAY PRESENT FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO PUT FORWARD OR ENDORSE THE CONCEPT PUBLICLY AND THE NEED TO MOVE QUICKLY TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK AND ACHIEVE GOOD EFFECT IN OUR ATTEMPT TO GET THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO LIFTED. NIMETZ TOLD WALDHEIM THAT WHILE THE ACTION WOULD BE OUT OF OUR HANDS, ONCE THE SECRETARY GENERAL DECIDED TO MOVE ON IT, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE SECRETARY GENERAL STRONGLY IN OUR OWN APPROACHES TO THE PARTIES. HE MADE CLEAR TO WALDHEIM THAT
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WE ASSUME THE SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD WISH TO MODIFY THE TURKISH TEXT ON SEVERAL POINTS AND URGED HIM TO TALK OUT SUCH REVISIONS WITH THE TURKS.

3. WALDHEIM'S INITIAL REACTION TO OUR PROPOSAL FOR ACTIONS BY HIM WAS NEGATIVE. WHILE HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR THE WORK WE HAD DONE WITH THE TURKS AND WANTED VERY MUCH

TO BREAK THE CURRENT STALEMATE, HIS BASIC QUESTION ABOUT THE PROPOSED SCENARIO IS HOW THE OTHER SIDE (GREEK CYPRIOTS) WOULD REACT TO IT. HE SAID HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ENDORSE OR ADOPT ANY SUCH PROPOSAL UNTIL HE HAD CONSULTED WITH BOTH SIDES. HE SAID HE HAD MENTIONED TO KYPRIANOU IN GENERAL TERMS SOME TIME AGO THE IDEA OF INTERIM UN ADMINISTRATION OF VAROSHA. KYPRIANOU WAS "NOT VERY ENTHUSIASTIC, IN FACT RATHER NEGATIVE". FOR THIS REASON, WALDHEIM SAID HE DID NOT FEEL IT REALISTIC TO MOVE WITHOUT FULL CONSULTATIONS WITH BOTH SIDES.

4. NIMETZ AND LEONARD TALKED AT SOME LENGTH TO THE OBJECTIONS RAISED BY WALDHEIM. THEY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT REACTION OF KYPRIANOU AND OTHER GREEK CYPRIOTS CAN BE PREDICTED TO BE NEGATIVE. THE TURKISH HOPE IS FOR A STATEMENT FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL INDICATING THAT THE TURKISH OFFER ON VAROSHA MAKES INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS POSSIBLE AND SETTING A DATE FOR THEIR RESUMPTION. WE RECOGNIZE THAT WALDHEIM CANNOT GO SO FAR, BUT WE HOPE THAT HE WILL MAKE THE VAROSHA PROPOSAL HIS, AND WILL THEN DESCRIBE TURKISH ACCEPTANCE OF IT AS A FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT WITH A SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE INTER COMMUNAL TALKS. NIMETZ UNDERLINED THAT HE THOUGHT THE TURKS WOULD BE WILLING TO REVISE THEIR PAPER TO SATISFY THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REQUIREMENTS. LEONARD SUGGESTED THAT THE CURRENT POSITIVE ATTITUDE OF ECEVIT AND THE CRITICISM

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BUILDING WITHIN THE GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY TOWARD KYPRIANOUT MAKE IT SEEM POSSIBLE THAT IF THE SECRETARY GENERAL WERE TO USE THE TURKISH PROPOSAL TO GET THINGS MOVING, EVEN KYPRIANOU WOULD IN THE END HAVE DIFFICULTY BLOCKING RESUMPTION OF INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS.

5. WALDHEIM REJECTED IMMEDIATE PUBLIC ENDORSEMENT OF THE TURKISH OFFER AND SAID HIS FIRST MOVE SHOULD BE TO DISCUSS THE TURKISH OFFER WITH THE GREEK CYPRIOTS. WE SUGGESTED THAT, SINCE IT IS A TURKISH PAPER, HE SHOULD TALK WITH THE TURKS FIRST. WALDHEIM AGREED THAT THIS WAS A SENSIBLE SUGGESTION AND SAID HE WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH THE TURKISH SIDE IMMEDIATELY. HE SAID HIS FIRST READING OF THE TURKISH PAPER INDICATED THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ENDORSE THE LANGUAGE IN THE END OF THE SECOND PARAGRAPH, SIMPLY BECAUSE IT IS NOT TRUE. HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ENDORSE THE SUGGESTION OF A COMBINED ADMINISTRATION OF VAROSHA BECAUSE OF THE IMPLICATIONS FOR UN AUTHORITY AND BECAUSE, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, THE GREEKS WOULD NEVER RETURN TO THE AREA UNDER THOSE CONDITIONS. WE AGREED THAT FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S POINT OF VIEW THOSE WERE TWO AREAS WHICH WOULD

HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED WITH THE TURKS. WE URGED HIM TO DO
SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. LEONARD

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